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Study of p-n correlations in ^3He and ^4He with the $(e,e'd)$ reaction

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Abstract: The $(e,e'd)$ reaction is an attractive way to investigate proton-neutron correlations in nuclei. We propose to study this reaction on ^3He and ^4He at high values of the three-momentum transfer q , where some problems in the interpretation of the reaction encountered at low q -values are expected to be reduced. The description of the $(e,e'd)$ process in terms of direct deuteron knockout will be checked with the $^3\text{He}(e,e'd)$ reaction, for which exact three-body calculations are performed. The ^4He target offers the possibility to study both $S=1, T=0$ and $S=0, T=1$ correlations in a dense nuclear system. For both nuclei a separation of in-plane structure functions will be performed in order to enhance the sensitivity to different aspects of the reaction. The experiment will be performed in hall A with the two-spectrometer setup. A high luminosity cryogenic He target will be used.